

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A solid-liquid filtration filter cloth (5) which is intended for use in a pressure filter based on diaphragm extrusion which comprises at least two filter chambers and in which the filter cloth (5) is guided through the filter chambers arranged one after the other in the direction (A) of movement of the filter cloth so that in the filter chambers, the opposite sides of the filter cloth (5) are alternately against the slurry to be filtered which contains liquid and solids,

the filter cloth (5) being symmetrical in respect of the filtering ability,

the filter cloth comprises a middle layer the both surfaces of which are provided with protective layers which form the outer surfaces of the filter cloth and are denser than the middle layer,

the middle layer has a woven structure withstanding tensile stress thus allowing and the solids separated from the slurry in said filter ~~are to be~~ conveyed out of the filter chambers by means of the filter cloth (5), ~~characterized in that the filter cloth (5) comprises a middle layer (15) the both surfaces of which are provided with protective layers (17a, 17b) which form the outer surfaces of the filter cloth (5) and are denser than the middle layer.~~

Claim 2 (Currently amended): A filter cloth according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the protective layers (17a, 17b) are made to resist wear by using wear-resistant threads or fibres and a wear-resistant bond structure.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently amended): A filter cloth according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the protective layers (17a, 17b) are ~~slub batt~~ fibre layers.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): A filter cloth according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the protective layers (17a, 17b) are attached to the middle layer (15) by needling.

Claim 6 (Currently amended) : A filter cloth according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the air permeance of the filter cloth (5) is below  $0.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^2 \text{ min}$ , 200 Pa.